

**June 2009**  
**NORTHERN COMMAND**

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## Overview

During June 2009, the Northern Command was well into its summer season of increased traffic and travel on Nevada highways. This month, Northern Command officers handled 283 crashes. An overview of the crashes showed 192 were property damage, 87 were injury, and four were fatal. The total crashes decreased by 3.1% compared to last year. When compared to June of last year, fatal crashes decreased by 33.3%. As compared to last June, our regional commercial vehicle crashes decreased by 33.3% to 20 crashes. In our overall June 2009 totals, intoxicated drivers were responsible for 16 of our total crashes in the Northern Command, which is a 5.9% reduction from last June.

The officers in our command arrested 109 intoxicated drivers this month. The average blood alcohol level of these intoxicated drivers was, .169%, more than double the legal limit of .08% blood alcohol content. The average age of the intoxicated drivers was 36 years old. Our officers arrested 189 people on various charges over the month of May. In other areas of enforcement, our officers wrote 2,451 speeding citations, 770 hazardous moving citations and 352 seat belt citations.

Our Division presented five traffic safety presentations to students attending driver's education classes in Reno, Sparks and Incline Village. Many of our officers participated in two "Tip-a-Cop," fundraisers to raise money for Special Olympic Athletes. The "Tip-a-Cop" events were held at the Reno and Sparks Outback Steak Houses and raised \$5,200.00 for Special Olympics. Our staff participated in all three "Special Kids Night" events during the annual Reno Rodeo in support of children with special needs.

We would like to congratulate Officer Todd Hartline on his promotion to DPS Sergeant. Sergeant Hartline accepted the Sergeant's position at our Carson-Tahoe-Minden district.

I would like to thank all our officers and allied agencies on the projects and assignments we have dealt with in the Northern Command. Everyone's unified efforts toward law enforcement services enhance the safety for our communities in Nevada.

**NORTHERN COMMAND CRASH STATISTICS OVERVIEW**

0	June 09	June 08	% Change	May 09	% Change
Total Crashes	283	292	-3.1%	246	15.0%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	192	198	-3.0%	157	22.3%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	87	88	-1.1%	86	1.2%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	4	6	-33.3%	3	33.3%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	16	17	-5.9%	16	0.0%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	4	6	-33.3%	3	33.3%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	0	2	-200.0%	2	-200.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	2	2	0.0%	0	200.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	1	1	0.0%	0	100.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	1	1	0.0%	1	0.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	20	30	-33.3%	14	42.9%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	14	25	-44.0%	11	27.3%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	5	3	66.7%	3	66.7%
Fatal Crashes Involving Commercial Vehicles	1	2	-50.0%	0	100.0%

**Crash Analysis**

- Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 1.4%
- Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 5.6%
- Percentage of persons killed without seatbelts to total person killed 0.0%
- Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 7.0%

## NORTHERN COMMAND FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

	June 09		June 08	% Change		May 09	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	16		17	-5.9%		16	0.0%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	93		116	-19.8%		97	-4.1%
Other Arrests	419		493	-15.0%		442	-5.2%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	189		234	-19.2%		203	-6.9%
Speed violations	2451		2293	6.9%		2783	-11.9%
Hazardous moving violations	770		871	-11.6%		854	-9.8%
Occupant restraint violations ##	352		440	-20.0%		437	-19.5%
Total violations [above violations included]	5998		6307	-4.9%		6854	-12.5%
<b>Commercial Enforcement</b>							
Hazardous moving violations-citations/arrests	13		6	116.7%		40	-67.5%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	12		12	0.0%		12	0.0%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	644		464	38.8%		750	-14.1%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	3		2	50.0%		20	-85.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	303		277	9.4%		376	-19.4%
Total safety violations -- repair order	2103		1317	59.7%		2509	-16.2%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	107		53	101.9%		125	-14.4%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	82		68	20.6%		84	-2.4%
Total school buses inspected	40		0	4000.0%		95	-57.9%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	11		0	1100.0%		23	52.2%
Total trucks weighed	1453		1428	1.8%		63	2206.3%
Total overweight citations	24		15	60.0%		27	-11.1%
Total dyed fuel inspections	232		234	-0.9%		320	27.5%
Total dyed fuel citations	1		1	0.0%		1	0.0%

**ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS**

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	June 2009	June 2008	% Change	May 2009	% Change
<b>COMMUNICATION CENTER</b>					
Radio Transmissions from Console	230661	243784	-5.4%	253371	-9.0 %
CAD Incidents	19358	15126	28.0%	18968	2.1%
Telephone Calls	15907	17268	-7.9%	16856	-5.6%
CAD Logs	145480	145644	-0.1%	151387	-3.9%
<b>FRONT OFFICE</b>					
Accident Reports Processed	260	293	-11.26%	242	7.44%
Arrest Reports Processed	243	226	7.52%	271	-10.33%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	40	11	263.64%	34	17.65%
Office Accident Reports Taken	19	12	58.33%	9	111.11%
Citations Processed	3844	3682	4.40%	4626	-16.90%
Vehicle Impound Releases	0	1	-100.0%	2	-100.0%
Visitors at Counter	246	68	261.76%	132	86.36%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	\$791.00	\$717.50	10.24%	\$683.75	15.69%
<b>COURT / WARRANT</b>					
Warrants Received	645	907	-28.9%	480	34.4%
Warrants Entered	878	239	267.4%	781	12.4%
Warrants Cleared	378	459	-17.6%	560	-32.5%
Warrants Validated	1761	677	160.1%	2046	-13.9%
Extradition / Transports	36	24	50.0%	38	-5.3%

**IMPAIRED DRIVER ANALYSIS**

- Average BAC 0.169 %
- Average age of DUI arrestees, 36 years old

**CONTRACT SERVICES**

- Eight (8) Contracts using 240.15 hours, billed in the amount of \$16,377.50.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION**

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIEO Meetings	Accident Response
267	8	11	0	6

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
73	265	17	0	3	0

#### Additional Appearances, Events and Activities:

- The month of June proved to be a very busy month with numerous events taking place in northern Nevada. Five (5) traffic safety presentations were given to area students attending driver's education classes in Reno, Sparks and Incline Village. Topics such as common accident contributing factors, driver awareness and distractions, seat belts and impairment were some of the highlighted items discussed.
- A handful of Troopers volunteered their time at the multi-agency "Tip-A-Cop" fundraisers at both the Reno and Sparks Outback Steakhouses benefiting Special Olympics Nevada on the evening of June 4<sup>th</sup>. The four-hour event at both establishments helped to secure just over \$5,200.00 as law enforcement officers shadowed and assisted the restaurant staff earning special tips placed into envelopes that will allow the athletes to participate in their annual sports training and events.
- Trooper Allen completed a sit-down interview with two journalists from the French National Geographic magazine who were compiling a story about law enforcement's work in Nevada today versus how it was done 150 years ago in the western United States.
- Our agency was represented at a seven-hour Safety and Awareness Fair at International Gaming Technology (IGT) in Reno providing public and traffic safety information to a large volume of employees during this annual event.
- Members of our Division attended a luncheon in Reno recognizing the 30-year anniversary of the Secret Witness organization. The efforts put forth by the number of volunteers from Secret Witness working closely with the media have helped law enforcement to solve numerous crimes in our area.
- DPS/Highway Patrol was also represented at all three "Special Kids Night" during the annual Reno Rodeo. Over 90 handicapped children were able to participate this year petting ponies, goats and sheep, as well as enduring an 8-second ride on the wooden bull and riding on live horses assisted by the Reno Rodeo drill team. As we move closer to the month of July, we are already engaged with the media talking about holiday traffic and safety tips, seat belt awareness as well as preparing to participate in 3-area DUI checkpoints.

#### FLIGHT OPERATIONS

The Northern Command aircraft made 10 flight during the month of June for a total of 28.7 flight hours. Following is a breakdown of activities.

Total Missions	Flight Hours	% of Flight Time	Description
3	10.0	34	Personnel Transport
4	8.5	30	Maintenance
2	6.8	24	Prisoner Transport
1	3.4	12	Speed Enforcement

The pilot was on leave May 28 through June 22. On June 2, the Las Vegas pilot used the airplane to transport personnel to retired Sgt. Mark Clark's funeral in Las Vegas.



The airplane was delivered to Chaparral Avionics June 16 for the installation of an Evolution EFD 1000 electronic flight display. The evidence technician from Carson City was transported to Ely on June 24 for a training class. On the 25<sup>th</sup>, the Chief was flown to Las Vegas to attend the retirement ceremony for a number of Las Vegas troopers.

Two speed enforcement missions were scheduled for June; one was flown. One was cancelled for a personnel transport. Following is a breakdown of enforcement activities.

Type of Violation	Enforcement Actions
Speed	42
Hazardous	3
Non-Hazardous	5
Seatbelt	0



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